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BULLETIN OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFIT STATISTICS

MAY, 1947.

1. GENERAL

This summary, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947) for the month of May, 1947, and the eleven months ended May, 1947.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides a third class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives a measure of assistance to those persons who, on account of some special circumstances, cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit do not embrace the total employment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid and Old-Age Pensions Act, (from 1st July, 1947 the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947). The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this summary relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The information contained in this bulletin has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services. The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to discontinuances and results in persons on benefit at the end of the month being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during May, 1947, and the eleven months ended May, 1947, are shown in the following table:-

AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING MAY, 1947, AND THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED
MAY, 1947 : STATES.

State	Benefits paid during May, 1947				Benefits paid during eleven months ended May, 1947.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
N.S.W. (a)	14,273	25,958	709	40,940	159,897	249,951	5,838	415,686
Victoria	10,822	15,259	477	26,558	154,631	165,904	6,277	326,812
Queensland	38,868	2,518	599	41,985	415,056	92,984	7,352	515,392
S.Aust. (b)	875	5,316	188	6,379	19,121	67,135	1,496	87,752
W. Australia	6,820	4,453	289	11,562	105,537	54,103	2,598	162,238
Tasmania	524	3,028	159	3,711	7,443	30,808	1,713	39,964
TOTAL:	72,182	56,532	2,421	131,135	861,685	660,885	25,274	1,547,844

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

The following table shows for the year 1945-46 and for the months from July, 1946, to May, 1947, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT YEAR 1945-46
AND MONTHS OF JULY, 1946, TO MAY, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	194	98,875	19,207	118,082
1946 -									
July ..	9,071	2,494	3,334	666	57	17	12,462	3,177	15,639
August ..	3,875	164	4,199	917	56	31	8,130	1,112	9,242
September ..	2,791	109	3,385	759	27	22	6,203	890	7,093
October ..	3,102	97	3,546	877	81	27	6,729	1,001	7,730
November ..	16,132	1,001	4,348	1,065	201	31	20,681	2,097	22,778
December ..	9,608	324	2,905	707	197	38	12,710	1,069	13,779
1947 -									
January ..	6,649	170	3,018	656	108	20	9,775	846	10,621
February ..	5,903	165	3,412	909	116	24	9,431	1,098	10,529
March (a) ..	5,072	196	4,661	1,293	119	37	9,852	1,526	11,378
April (a) ..	4,275	145	3,308	802	82	21	7,665	968	8,633
May (a) ..	3,867	207	4,609	1,221	81	18	8,557	1,446	10,003
<u>DISCONTINUANCES</u>									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	54	86,615	17,478	104,093
1946 -									
July ..	9,188	2,494	2,996	547	40	8	12,224	3,049	15,273
August ..	4,125	195	3,868	786	42	16	8,035	997	9,032
September ..	2,983	145	3,293	655	24	8	6,300	808	7,108
October ..	3,106	107	3,424	777	47	27	6,577	911	7,488
November ..	9,833	874	4,333	983	75	18	14,241	1,875	16,116
December ..	5,084	176	2,744	735	78	19	7,906	930	8,836
1947 -									
January ..	11,151	367	3,112	672	194	13	14,457	1,052	15,509
February ..	6,367	146	3,336	756	114	18	9,817	920	10,737
March (a) ..	7,197	215	4,318	1,087	190	34	11,705	1,336	13,041
April (a) ..	5,192	157	3,365	894	99	12	8,656	1,063	9,719
May (a) ..	5,429	220	4,393	1,084	103	17	9,925	1,321	11,246
<u>PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH</u>									
1946 -									
June ..	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
July ..	6,459	297	5,966	1,411	73	149	12,498	1,857	14,355
August ..	6,209	266	6,297	1,542	87	164	12,593	1,972	14,565
September ..	6,017	230	6,389	1,646	90	178	12,496	2,054	14,550
October ..	6,013	220	6,511	1,746	124	178	12,648	2,144	14,792
November ..	12,312	347	6,526	1,828	250	191	19,088	2,366	21,454
December ..	16,836	495	6,687	1,800	369	210	23,892	2,505	26,397
1947 -									
January ..	12,334	298	6,593	1,784	283	217	19,210	2,299	21,509
February ..	11,870	317	6,669	1,937	285	223	18,824	2,477	21,301
March (a) ..	9,745	298	7,012	2,143	214	226	16,971	2,667	19,638
April (a) ..	8,828	286	6,955	2,051	197	235	15,980	2,572	18,552
May (a) ..	7,266	273	7,171	2,188	175	236	14,612	2,668	17,309

(a) Subject to revision)

NOTE : For monthly figures from July, 1945, to June, 1946, see October, 1946 Bulletin.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(i) Duration : The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1947, is shown in the following table:-

DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	Weeks	Unemployment			Sickness			Total (a)		
		Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Less than 1	1	13,098	1,472	14,570	3,665	601	4,266	16,840	2,073	18,913
1 and under 2	2	14,944	2,191	17,135	6,109	1,107	7,216	21,156	3,309	24,465
2 " " 3	3	7,026	241	7,267	5,235	1,027	6,262	12,383	1,284	13,667
3 " " 4	4	5,216	184	5,400	4,515	994	5,509	9,818	1,191	11,009
4 " " 5	5	4,213	153	4,366	3,444	811	4,255	7,771	977	8,748
5 " " 9	9	13,586	498	14,084	7,943	1,949	9,892	21,804	2,485	24,289
9 " " 13	13	6,079	200	6,279	3,524	1,033	4,557	9,747	1,262	11,009
13 " " 26	26	6,980	305	7,285	4,113	1,255	5,368	11,237	1,601	12,838
26 and over		2,221	70	2,291	2,337	535	2,872	4,579	647	5,226
TOTAL		73,363	5,314	78,677	40,885	9,312	50,197	115,335	14,829	130,164

(a) Includes Special Benefits (1,087 males, 203 females, 1,290 persons).

Of the 130,164 benefits whose discontinuance was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1947, 53,362 (41 per cent) were in receipt of benefits for five weeks and over, 62,110 (48 per cent) for four weeks and over, 73,119 (56 per cent) for three weeks and over 86,786 (67 per cent) for two weeks and over, 111,251 (85 per cent) for one week and over, whilst 18,913 (15 per cent) received benefit for less than one week.

Average duration of unemployment benefits discontinued was shorter than that of sickness. Nineteen per cent of unemployment and eight per cent of sickness cases were in receipt of benefit for less than one week, whilst for durations of less than three weeks the percentages were 50 and 35 respectively.

(ii) Reasons for Cessation : Of the 78,677 cases of unemployment benefit whose termination was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1947, 72,198 (91.8 per cent) secured employment or failed to report (which in most cases means that the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services), 2,594 (3.3 per cent) transferred to Sickness Benefit or to another district and 2,162 (2.7 per cent) failed or refused to accept an offer of employment.

Of the 50,197 cases of sickness benefit whose termination was notified, 42,885 (85.4 per cent) recovered from their illness and presumably resumed employment 2,285 (4.6 per cent) were classified as permanently incapacitated which, in practically every case, means that they were transferred to Invalid Pensions, 1,963 (3.9 per cent) transferred to Unemployment Benefit or to another district and 868 (1.7 per cent) died.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF MAY, 1947.

TOTAL PERSONS

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 31st May, 1947, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 69 per 10,000, comprising 30 unemployment, 37 sickness and 2 special cases per 10,000. The following table shows the proportions for males and females separately:-

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 31ST MAY, 1947
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	40	39	1	80
Females	per 10,000 females	4	32	3	39
Persons	per 10,000 persons	30	37	2	69

(ii) State Totals ; The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 31st May, 1947:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 31ST MAY, 1947 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W. (a)	1,679	61	2,871	800	59	59	4,609	920	5,529
Victoria	742	44	1,799	655	28	57	2,569	756	3,325
Queensland	3,935	151	948	252	41	44	4,924	447	5,371
S.Aust. (b)	114	3	731	194	18	19	863	216	1,079
W. Aust.	745	14	522	203	25	29	1,292	246	1,538
Tasmania	51	-	300	84	4	28	355	112	467
<u>TOTAL</u>	7,266	273	7,171	2,188	175	236	14,612	2,697	17,309

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages : Distribution of persons on benefit at 31st May, 1947, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 31ST MAY, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Grouped Age (as at 31st Dec. 1946)	Unemployment			Sickness			Total (a)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 Years	346	76	422	554	552	1,106	900	644	1,544
20 - 24 "	640	67	707	668	500	1,168	1,312	586	1,898
25 - 29 "	658	36	694	533	225	758	1,193	271	1,464
30 - 34 "	664	20	684	576	184	760	1,247	231	1,478
35 - 39 "	668	16	684	650	144	794	1,322	194	1,516
40 - 44 "	751	10	761	664	167	831	1,416	220	1,636
45 - 49 "	781	16	797	757	186	943	1,543	237	1,780
50 - 54 "	838	14	852	906	144	1,050	1,747	192	1,939
55 - 59 "	979	18	997	1,070	84	1,154	2,054	116	2,170
60 - 64 "	941	-	941	793	2	795	1,878	6	1,884
TOTAL:	7,266	273	7,539	7,171	2,188	9,359	14,612	2,697	17,309

(a) Includes Special Benefits (175 males, 236 females, 411 persons)

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF MAY, 1947

(i) Cause of Unemployment : The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1947, and by those who were on benefit at 31st May, 1947.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay off- is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1947 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during eleven months ended May, 1947			On benefit at 31st May, 1947		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Discharged for disciplinary reasons	734	14	748	84	1	85
Discharged for other reasons -						
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness ..	2,189	86	2,275	428	10	438
Retrenchment, including closing of establishment ..	6,695	266	6,961	950	33	983
Replaced by reinstated ex-service personnel etc. relieving worker only	2,323	188	2,511	384	21	405
Other discharges, including inadequately defined ..	458	24	482	73	5	78
Laid-off owing to -						
Power rationing ..	8,425	3,041	11,466	16	3	19
Shortage of materials ..	3,514	89	3,603	352	12	364
Strikes, lock-outs withing the same establishment ..	16,462	423	16,885	521	9	530
Seasonal work ..	9,034	196	9,230	1,303	23	1,326
Casual work ..	8,454	115	8,569	1,121	18	1,139
Other reasons, including inadequately defined ..	1,470	42	1,512	109	1	110
Inadequately defined ..	8	-	8	139	2	141
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	4,949	321	5,270	840	66	906
Other quits, including inadequately defined ..	3,450	224	3,674	427	45	472
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	1,252	10	1,262	256	1	257
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	2,698	54	2,752	247	7	254
Other ..	63	56	119	16	16	32
TOTAL:	72,178	5,149	77,327	7,266	273	7,539

(ii) Industrial Groups : In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1947, and of those on benefit at 31st May, 1947:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING ELEVEN MONTHS
ENDED MAY, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Claims admitted during eleven months ended May, 1947			On benefit at 31st May, 1947		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying ..	7,848	16	7,863	1,240	5	1,245
Other Primary Production ..	996	-	996	126	-	126
Coal Mining ..	1,384	-	1,384	357	-	357
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	836	-	836	82	-	82
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding ..	15,972	380	16,352	538	4	542
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	3,234	30	3,264	151	-	151
Textiles and articles of dress ..	1,330	2,215	3,545	82	28	110
Food, drink and tobacco ..	8,471	544	9,015	865	30	895
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	2,153	54	2,207	149	-	149
Other factories, including heat, Light and power ..	3,851	292	4,143	276	8	284
Building and Construction ..	6,179	3	6,182	772	-	772
Transport and Communication ..	6,542	135	6,677	558	12	570
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade ..	4,768	391	5,159	695	52	747
Finance and property ..	264	12	276	54	1	55
Public Administration and Professional ..	2,916	184	3,100	568	29	597
Personal and Domestic Service ..	2,844	790	3,634	481	82	563
Other ..	2,590	103	2,693	272	22	294
TOTAL	72,178	5,149	77,327	7,266	273	7,539

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 31st May, 1947, in the principal industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 31ST MAY, 1947 : STATES

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LAND.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
Agriculture, Pastoral, etc. ..	239	56	889	10	39	7	1,240
Other Primary including Mining..	392	21	117	2	31	2	565
Engineering, etc. including Vehicles	187	196	199	24	82	1	689
Food, Drink, etc. Factories ..	75	80	654	10	40	6	865
Other Factories ..	115	95	218	6	69	4	507
Building and Construction ..	151	71	467	11	70	2	772
Transport ..	82	83	311	12	61	9	558
Commerce and Finance ..	169	63	357	25	130	5	749
Previously employed by Australian or Allied Services ..	44	2	217	3	11	-	277
Personal and Domestic Service ..	120	35	201	6	116	3	481
Other ..	105	40	305	5	96	12	563
TOTAL	1,679	742	3,935	114	745	51	7,266

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other : Unemployment benefits whose admission was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1947, and those current at 31st May, 1947, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES

State	Claims admitted during eleven months ended May 1947				On Benefit at 31st May 1947			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
N.S.W.(b)	4,394	50	7,397	355	403	4	1,276	57
Victoria	12,723	479	2,747	60	411	28	331	16
Queensland	11,668	2,004	20,413	1,307	1,396	45	2,539	106
S. Aust.(c)	970	5	384	6	100	3	14	-
W. Aust.	8,884	795	2,209	84	662	9	83	5
Tasmania	290	2	99	2	40	-	11	-
TOTAL	38,929	3,335	33,249	1,814	3,012	89	4,254	184

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S. A., Port Adelaide and in W. A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in Metropolitan. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1947 : AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF MAY, 1947.

(i) Metropolitan and Other : Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1947, and those current at 31st May, 1947, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES

State	Claims admitted during eleven months ended May, 1947				On benefit at 31st May, 1947			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
N.S.W. (b)	7,433	2,269	6,988	1,044	1,478	558	1,393	242
Victoria	6,555	2,221	3,651	804	1,191	480	608	175
Queensland	3,008	781	3,555	579	477	134	471	118
S. A. (c)	3,104	651	1,617	253	497	142	234	52
W. A.	2,517	814	1,635	325	347	158	175	45
Tasmania	704	165	1,162	217	120	33	180	51
TOTAL	23,321	6,901	18,608	3,222	4,110	1,505	3,061	683

(a) See footnote to Table 6 (iii). (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes Northern Territory

(ii) Industrial Groups : The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 31st May, 1947, is shown in the following table:-

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 31ST MAY, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	595	15	610
Other Primary Production	146	-	146
Coal Mining	323	-	323
Other Mining and Quarrying	133	-	133
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding	1,080	84	1,164
Vehicles, including aircraft	320	9	329
Textiles and articles of dress	269	409	678
Food, drink and tobacco	477	119	596
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	267	23	290
Other Factories, including heat, light and power	702	138	840
Building and Construction	892	-	892
Transport and Communication	676	57	733
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and retail trade	641	381	1,022
Finance and property	40	29	69
Public Administration and Professional	230	358	588
Personal and Domestic Service	346	558	904
Other	34	8	42
TOTAL:	7,171	2,188	9,359

(iii) Nature of Sickness : The following table shows the principal causes of sickness, as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during the eleven months ended May, 1947, and of those on benefit at 31st May, 1947:-

NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING ELEVEN MONTHS
ENDED MAY, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Claims admitted during eleven months ended May, 1947			On benefit at 31st May 1947		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Infective and Parastic Diseases ..	2,612	578	3,190	366	139	505
Cancer ..	315	46	361	87	17	104
Other Tumours ..	341	241	582	59	57	116
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases ..	2,582	658	3,240	545	213	758
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs ..	207	230	437	40	53	93
Nervous System and Sense Organs ..	3,693	1,254	4,947	726	286	1,012
Circulatory System ..	3,474	461	3,935	866	143	1,009
Respiratory System ..	4,775	824	5,599	717	160	877
Digestive System ..	9,097	2,128	11,225	1,286	326	1,612
Genito-Urinary System ..	1,753	793	2,546	340	180	520
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	827	827	-	176	176
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	2,673	511	3,184	330	77	407
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	1,127	236	1,363	210	63	273
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions) ..	611	340	951	99	100	199
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	4,188	384	4,572	952	91	1,043
Other Injuries, etc. ..	4,053	388	4,441	484	73	557
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	263	176	439	41	29	70
Other (including not stated) ..	165	48	213	23	5	28
TOTAL	41,929	10,123	52,052	7,171	2,188	9,359

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the eleven months ended May, 1947, and those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below. No further dissection of rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information at a later date.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - ELEVEN
MONTHS ENDED MAY, 1947 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Percentage Rejects to Total
N.S.W. (a)	18,144	5,948	20,097	2,363	476	88	38,717	8,399	21.7
Victoria	21,733	5,724	15,690	2,459	561	94	37,984	8,277	12.8
Queensland	51,622	16,230	9,521	1,598	469	102	61,612	17,930	29.1
S. A. (b)	4,042	2,677	7,098	1,473	163	34	11,303	4,184	37.0
W. A.	18,107	6,135	6,300	1,009	218	47	24,625	7,191	29.2
Tasmania	517	124	2,631	383	64	15	3,212	522	16.3
TOTAL	14,165	36,838	61,337	9,285	1,951	380	177,453	46,503	26.2

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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